

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

CRAIG SHERLAND,

Plaintiff,

v.

HALLMARK MANOR MEDICAL  
INVESTORS LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C23-0090JLR

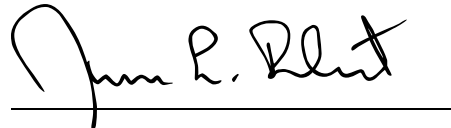
ORDER

Before the court is the motion for leave to file an amended complaint filed by Plaintiff Craig Sherland, who appears as the administrator of the estate of his deceased mother, Naomi Ruth Sherland. (Mot. (Dkt. # 11).) Mr. Sherland asks the court for leave to amend his complaint to substitute the names of Alyssa Paul, Michael Ngugi, and Optum Care Services Company as the true names of three Doe Defendants and to allege additional facts in support of his claims against these Defendants. (Mot. at 1-2; *see also id.*, Ex. B (proposed amended complaint, with proposed changes identified).) Named

1 Defendants Hallmark Manor Medical Investors, LLC and Consolidated Resources Health  
2 Care Fund I have not responded to Mr. Sherland's motion. (*See* Dkt.)

3 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) provides that where the conditions for  
4 amending a complaint as a matter of course do not apply, the court should freely give  
5 leave to amend when justice so requires. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). Here, the named  
6 Defendants have not responded to the motion<sup>1</sup>; the motion is timely (*see* Sched. Ord.  
7 (Dkt. # 10) (setting the deadline to amend pleadings on January 17, 2024)); and the court  
8 is satisfied, after reviewing Mr. Sherland's proposed amendments, that leave to amend is  
9 in the interest of justice. Therefore, the court GRANTS Mr. Sherland's motion to file an  
10 amended complaint (Dkt. # 11). Mr. Sherland shall file his amended complaint by no  
11 later than **August 8, 2023**.

12 Dated this 1st day of August, 2023.

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15 JAMES L. ROBART  
16 United States District Judge  
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22 <sup>1</sup> "Except for motions for summary judgment, if a party fails to file papers in opposition  
to a motion, such failure may be considered by the court as an admission that the motion has  
merit." Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(b)(2).